GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:674
ANSWERED ON:12.05.2005
SHORTAGE OF CNG CONVERSION KITS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that there is shortage of CNG conversion kits in the country;

(b) if so, the action taken /being taken by the Government to meet the shortage;

(c) whether any fiscal incentives i.e. concessional customs duty on import of CNG kits and its parts is provided by the Union Government; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS & PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) to (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 674 BY SHRI B.VINOD KUMAR AND SHRI MAGUNTA SREENIVASULU REDDY MPs TO BE ANSWERED ON 12TH MAY, 2005 REGARDING SHORTAGE OF CNG CONVERSION KITS.

(a) & (b): At present, CNG is being supplied by M/s Indraprastha Gas Limited (IGL) in NCT of Delhi and by M/s Mahanagar Gas Limited (MGL) in Mumbai, Thane and Mira - Bhayander. The majority of CNG kits available in India are imported from various countries like Italy, Argentina and U.S.A. While MGL have not reported any shortage of CNG kits in their areas of operation, the increasing popularity of CNG conversions among the various types of vehicles may have caused some shortage of CNG kits in NCT of Delhi.

To review the situation of CNG conversions, IGL held discussions with the authorized kit importers/distributors/manufacturers, whose numbers have gradually increased over the years. During the discussions, IGL stressed the need for opening up as many authorized workshops as possible in different areas of NCT of Delhi. Further, during the course of discussions with the CNG kit approving agencies, i.e., Automotive Research Association of India (ARAI) and Vehicles Research and Development Establishment (VRDE), IGL have impressed upon these bodies the need to expedite the process of Type − Approvals of CNG kits for various popular vehicle variants/models. These agencies have also been requested to give priority to all approvals related to CNG vehicles.

(c) & (d): Yes, Sir. At present, CNG kits and parts of such kits attract a concessional customs duty of 5%.